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His Majesties DECLARATION

TOUCHING HIS

Proceedings for Reparation & Satisfaction

FOR

Several Injuries, Affronts and Spoiles

DONE BY

The East and West-India Companies,

AND

Other the SUBJECTS

OF THE

United Provinces

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His Majesties
DECLARATION.

WHereas upon Complaint of the several Injuries, Affronts and Spoiles done by the East and West-India-Companies, and other the Subjects of the United Provinces, unto and upon the Ships, Goods and Persons of Our Subjects, to their grievous Damages, and amounting to Vast Summes; In stead of Reparation and Satisfaction which hath been by Us frequently demanded, We found that Orders had been given to de Ruyter not onely to abandon the Consortship against the Pirats of the Mediterranean Seas (to which the States General had invited Us) but also to use all Acts of Depredation and Hostility against Our Subjects in Africa:

We thereupon gave Order for the detaining of the Ships belonging to the States of the United Provinces, their Subjects and Inhabitants; yet notwithstanding, We did not give any Commission for Letters of Marque, nor were there any Proceedings against the Ships detained, until we had a cleer and undeniable Evidence that de Ruyter had put the said Orders in Execution, by seizing several of Our Subjects Ships and Goods.

But now since finding by these fresh Injuries and Actings of theirs, and the intelligence We have had of their great Preparations for War, and their Granting of Letters of Marque against Our People, that both Our Forbearance, and the other Remedies We have used to bring them to a Compliance with Us, have proved ineffectual, and that they are resolved what they have done by wrong, to maintain by Arms and War against Us;

We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Declare, and do hereby Declare to all the World, That the said States are the Aggressors, and that they ought in Justice to be so looked upon by all Men; so that as well Our Fleets and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be Commissionated by Letters of Marque from Our dear Brother the Duke of York, Lord High Admiral

Admiral of England, ſhall and may lawfully fight with, ſubdue, ſeize, and take all Ships, Veſſels and Goods belonging to the ſaid States of the United Provinces, or any of their Subjects or Inhabitants, within any their Territories.

And We do hereby Command, as well all Our Own Subjects, as advertiſe all other perſons, of what Nation ſoever, not to tranſport or carry any Souldiers, Arms, Powder, Ammunition, or any other Contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations or Countries of the ſaid States of the United Provinces; Declaring, That whatſoever Ship or Veſſel ſhall be met withal, tranſporting or carrying any Souldiers, Arms, Powder, Ammunition, or other Contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations or Countries of the ſaid States of the United Provinces, the ſame being taken, ſhall be condemned as good and lawful Prize.

And We do further Declare, That whatſoever Ship or Veſſel, of what Nation ſoever, ſhall be met withall, having any Goods, Merchandiſes, or any number of Perſons in her belonging to the ſaid States of the United Provinces, or any of their Subjects or Inhabitants, the whole, being taken, ſhall be adjudged as good and lawful Prize. As likewiſe all Goods and Merchandiſes, of what Nation ſoever, whether of Our Own, or of Foreigners, that

that shall be Laden aboard any Ship or Vessel, that shall belong to the States of the United Provinces, or any of their Subjects, or any inhabiting with them, and shall be taken, the whole shall be Condemned as good and lawful Prize; Except the said Ship or Vessel has Ours, or Our dear Brothers Letters of Safe Conduct granted to them.

And to the end that due Intimation and Publication of this Our Declaration may be made, and publick Notice thereof be taken; It is Our Will and Pleasure, That this Our present Declaration shall be published in due and usual Form.

Richard Browne.

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At the Court at WHITEHALL,
February 25. 1660.

Present

The King's most Excellent Majesty.

His Highness the Duke of York.

His Highness Prince Rupert.

His Grace the Duke of Albemarle.

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

His Grace the Lord Marquess of Ormond.

His Excellency the Lord Chancellor.

His Excellency the Lord Chamberlain.

His Excellency the Lord Treasurer.

His Excellency the Lord Chief Justice.

His Excellency the Lord Chief Baron